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W. E. Champlin, of Handsboro, Miss., is in Jackson for some days, and gave THE BAPTIST a pleasant call Wednesday morning.

Rev. R. M. Richardson has resigned the care of the church at Eupora. We are not advised as to his plans for the future. He has done a good work at Eupora.

Do not forget that the State B. Y. P. U. Convention will meet in Clinton Tuesday, Nov. 6th. Send names to Dr. C. H. Brough, Clinton. This is a great opportunity. Do not lose it.

Owing to impaired health, Dr. J. L. Johnson will not serve the church at Indianola longer than this year. The people regret to lose him, but he does not feel equal to the work.

Rev. Graham, the new pastor at Hollandale, has just entered upon his new field with hopefulness and good cheer. Hollandale is a flourishing village on the Y. & M. V. railway, of about 500 or 600 inhabitants.

Ex-Postmaster General William L. Wilson died at his home in Lexington, W. Va., on the 17th inst. At the time of his death he was president of the Washington and Lee University. The Rev. T. A. Hall conducted the funeral.

At this date there are 263 students in Mississippi College, 4 more than were ever matriculated in one session. God is giving us great prosperity in our educational work. We trust it shall redound to His glory.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to be present at the nuptials of Miss Mary B. Sherman and Rev. Edward D. Solomon, on Wednesday, October the 31st, at half-past 4 o'clock, in the First Baptist church of Grenada, Miss.

"Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing."—Solomon.

We ran over to Clinton Tuesday morning and spent the day in the old classic town. We found the President and faculty with their hands full of work, and were impressed that the College is doing possibly the best work of its existence. Hillman College is also doing a very fine work, the number of students being larger than for many years. There are between three and four hundred young people at Clinton. Old "Mt. Salus" seems to be aglow with youthful enthusiasm. It is like visiting the "Fountain of Youth" to mingle with this great volume of young life.

Dr. H. F. Sproles, of Vicksburg, was in our city Monday attending the burial of our sister, Mrs. Florence Persons, whose death occurred on last Lord's Day, as the shades of the night were enveloping this old earth of ours. Dr. Sproles and Dr. Yarborough conducted the funeral services Monday afternoon in the First Baptist church. A good woman has departed.

The First church, Vicksburg, makes a fine exhibit of work done during the closing year. Under the wise, consecrated leadership of Pastor Sproles, this church has contributed for benevolent purposes \$1,369.05. Also during the associational year now closing this church has erected a pastor's home, at a cost of \$2,500. The pastor has reason for much encouragement in his work. He has by his side some noble helpers.

The Harmony Association at Unity church closes the Associational meetings. We have attended all of these meetings we could possibly reach, making on an average three each week. There were several which we could not reach. This we regret, as we are anxious to meet as many brethren throughout the State as possible, both for the pleasure of knowing them and for the good that might be done.

We regret to hear that our friends Lowrey & Berry of Blue Mountain, have had the misfortune to lose their laundry by fire. The loss, we understand, was about five hundred dollars. With their two splendid, new, practically fire proof brick dormitories, and more school girls than they can make room for they will soon recover. Their losses and trials will bring about better equipments and still larger usefulness.

The American Baptist Publication Society announces a new paper, the initial number to be ready December 15. *The Colporter* is to be discontinued, and "*Good Work*" will be issued instead. It will consist of sixteen large pages, well illustrated and in every way up-to-date as a twentieth century herald of Christian methods and work. The best writers will furnish articles for it, the best artists will be engaged upon it, the best material be used to render it attractive. The varied work of the Publication Society will, of course, have prominence. Send for samples and notice its premium offers. The price will be only 25 cents, or 20 cents in clubs, per year.

The third semi-annual assemblage of the Southern Industrial Convention will be held in the city of New Orleans, beginning December 4th prox., and continuing five days.

It is desired to make this one of the most memorable gatherings in the South's history, and to this end every factor that enters into the industrial life of this section will be requested to co-operate in its aims and objects, and, where possible, participate in its proceedings.

His Excellency, Governor Heard, of Louisiana, has extended his official invitation to the Governor of every Southern State; likewise the Commissioner of Agriculture and Superintendent of Education of Louisiana have invited their colleagues filling similar positions in the other States in the South, while his Honor, the Mayor of New Orleans, has added his official invitation to the Mayors of the cities of the South, to be present on the opening day of the convention. On that day the Nicaraguan canal bill will be considered, and such action taken as will unite the official voice of the South with the business and commercial interests of this section, in asking the passage of that measure when it comes up in the United States Senate on December 10th.

From the character of those who will attend this convention, you will readily perceive what an impetus will be given to every material interest of the South, and it only remains to the press to second these agencies to obtain a fuller fruition of their hopes and efforts. Let this be done.

B. Y. P. U. Convention.

We have an abundance of homes for all attending the Convention of Young People at Clinton, November 6-8. Nobody need stay away or be uneasy. We want a crowd. Come on. Send your names to Dr. C. H. Brough, and you will be given a home.

Yours for a big Convention,
P. I. LIPSEY.

A Good Meeting at Banner.

Bro. W. L. A. Stranberg began a meeting at Banner on the 5th Sunday in September, and closed on the following Saturday night; resulting in 15 additions to the church; 5 by letter and 10 by experience.

On Saturday we gathered at Spring Creek, around a pool where there was much water, and Bro. Stranberg buried 10 happy souls with Christ in baptism. The church was greatly revived.

The church gave Bro. Stranberg a unanimous call and he has agreed to serve as pastor next year. Bro. Stranberg is a strong gospel preacher, and we expect a good harvest as a result of the good seed already sown.

J. A. POWELL.

B. Y. P. U. Department.

BY W. P. PRICE.

Bible Readers' Course.

Monday, Oct. 22.—Psalm 18: 25-30. "Who is a rock, beside our God?" (v. 31). Compare Ps. 18:2.

Tuesday, Oct. 23.—Psalm 19. God's language, in the heavens (vs. 2, 3). Compare Ps. 89:5.

Wednesday, Oct. 24.—Psalms 20, 21. Our trust (v. 7). Compare Ps. 32:8.

Thursday, Oct. 25.—Psalm 22: 1-21. A psalm of anguish. Compare Matt. 27:46.

Friday, Oct. 26.—Psalm 22:22-34. "For thou art with me" (v. 24). Compare Isa. 43:2.

Saturday, Oct. 27.—Psalm 24. A triumphal entrance (v. 7). Compare Matt. 21:8-11.

Sunday, Oct. 28.—Conquest of Canaan. Woman's Missionary Union—S. B. C.

Alternate topic: Paul, the Missionary: the secret of his success. 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

—From the Baptist Union.

Missions is the subject; Nov. 6th, 7th and 8th is the time; and, Clinton is the place—for what? "Come and see."

Bishop Pugh, of the Calvary church, Vicksburg, will preach the Convention sermon on the night of the first day.

The program for the occasion appears in another column—and I see you looking for your names; did you find it? Well, you and I have this consolation: they could not put all the strong men on, so, therefore and consequently—you see how it is. But you and I, we will be there, won't we, though?

Clinton is the largest place to its size, in the whole State, and they will make room for all who will go. Their latch-strings are on the outside of the gates, the "Baptist pallets" are already being arranged for, and they have sent forth their invitation to all their "friends" to come, assuring us that all things will be ready—so, come!

A while ago a good brother asked me to suggest a good course of Christian culture for his Young People to pursue; and I suggested THE CHRISTIAN CULTURE COURSES of the B. Y. P. U., which just now are the Psalm, the Life of Christ, as taught by those old writers; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and the Triumphs of Baptist Missionaries in foreign lands—to you see the point in the suggestion?

In this connection, I see from the *Baptist Argus* that the Union at Middletown, O., has spent \$100 on books bearing on the Life of Christ, as supplementary to the work outlined by the B. Y. P. U. committee. Now this is good, yea, very good; but the only necessary book to have is THE BOOK. If you have a Bible, and can get hold of the suggestions in the Baptist Union, you are well equipped for work. *What we want to do is not to study so much about the Bible, as to study the Bible itself.* This is the mistake of the age, and one that the B. Y. P. U. would correct, as far as it can, by bringing to the front the Bible itself.

The Winona Union is getting down to business now in dead earnestness. We are taking the whole of the Christian Culture Courses. Everybody who comes is supposed to bring his, or her, or somebody's else's Bible; and after we get there we use these too. We have some one appointed to teach "the class," for such it is or should be, from week to week. We get a new one every week, if we want to; and, after the devotional meeting, of some twenty minutes, is over—and don't ever leave it out—then the "teacher" for the evening takes charge, for not one minute longer than forty minutes, alternating first with the Daily Bible Readings, and then, the next meeting, the Life of Christ. And the pastor, greatly assisted by his co-laborers, is making an effort to have the entire church membership take the Bible Readings. Already a goodly number of them have agreed to do it—indeed, I know of no one who has not agreed to take them, who has been seen.

To do this a card was used, on one side of which is the following.

MY DUTY TO MY CHURCH.

1. Attend all her services.—Heb. 10:24-25.
2. Greet her members cordially.—Phil. 4:21.
3. Contribute regularly, liberally, cheerfully to her support.—II Cor. 9:6-7.
4. Visit her sick and poor.—James 1:27.
5. Know and practice her teachings.—Acts 2:41-47.
6. Invite strangers to her services.—Matt. 22:1-14.
7. Pray for her pastor.—Eph. 6:18-19.

And on the other side is this: May the Lord not count on you as a regular attendant at the prayer meeting and Sunday school?

Will you TRY to take the Daily Bible Readings, at least until you have read the Book of Psalms?

Will you pray in public if called upon?

Signed.....
Winona, Miss., 1900.

Two of these were given to every member, one to be signed and returned and the other to be kept as a gentle suggestion to duty. A very simple, but very helpful device, really, it is bound to be.

All persons expecting to attend the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Clinton, Nov. 6-8, please send names to Dr. C. H. Brough, Chairman Committee, at once, and you will get a home.

P. I. LIPSEY,
Pastor.

Colportage Books.

- "The Little Baptist" (new edition), 200 pages; price, 75c.
- "Pilgrims' Progress" (illustrated); 50 cents.
- "Behind the Scenes"—By F. M. Iams; 60 cents.
- "Before the Footlights"—By F. M. Iams; 60 cents.
- "Dying Testimonials of Saved and Unsaved"; paper 35c, cloth \$1.00.
- "Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer"; paper 35c, cloth \$1.
- "In His Steps; or, What Would Jesus Do?"—By Sheldon; paper 25c, cloth 75c.
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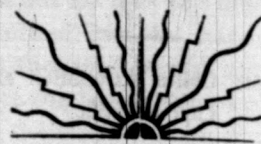


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